C.S.E. refusal for affiliation to Schools in the United Arab Emirates

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Board of Secondady Education has refused to give affiliation to six schools in the United Arab Emirates;

(b) if so, what are the names of the schools, strength of faculty and students in each school and the reasons for not granting affiliation;

(c) whether CBSE officials did visit these schools recently and also whether irregularities in administration were unearthed; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is a fact that faculty in these schools are grossly underpaid, if so, what steps are being taken by CBSE to see that faculty receive full salary as per rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) Details regarding the six schools from the United Arab Emirates who had applied for affiliation with the Central Board of Secondary Education are as under:—

Name of the School	No. of students	No. of teachers	Position regarding grant of affiliation
(1) Indian School Fujairah.	394	19	The school applied for deferment.
(2) Emirates English Speaking School.	745	41	Not recommended by the Consulate General.
(3) Our Own English School, Ajman.	778	15	Granted affiliation.
(4) Radiant Girls School, Sharjah.	356	20	Not granted affiliation as the schools did not fulfil the various conditions stipulated in the CBSE Affiliation laws, 1988.
(5) Dar-al-Maraf English School, Abu Dhabi.	389	22	
(6) Progressive English School, Sharjah.	418	17	

(c) After inspection, affiliation was granted only in respect of Our Own English School, Ajman. The remaining three schoosl were inspected by the CBSE and were found to be not fulfilling the various conditions stipulated in the Affiliation Bye-laws prescribed by the CBSE.

(d) One of the essential conditions prescribed by the CBSE is that the school must pay salaries to the staff not less than the corresponding categories of employees in the State Government schools or as per scales prescribed by the Government of India. In respect of the schools located abroad, the pay scales prescribed for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan teachers alongwith approved foreign allowances are required to be paid to the teachers. Affiliation is not granted to schools not paying the salaries indicated above.